

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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AMENDMENTS TO PREVENTION OF FOOD ADULTERATION ACT

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to enforce stricter control over the imported processed foods under the prevention of Food Adulteration Act, by introducing suitable amendments;
- (b) if so, whether the proposed amendment will re-define water sold in packages and genetically modified food articles;
- (c) whether the State Governments have been consulted in this regard;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the State Governments;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the time likely to be taken to implement the new law?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (e) A draft Bill proposing certain amendments to the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 was recently circulated to the State Governments, concerned Departments/Ministries of the Central Government and other stakeholders for their comments. Amongst the amendments proposed is an enabling provision for more rigorous control over imported food and including 'Water sold in sealed packages' and 'Genetically Modified Food' in the definition of food.

The State Governments are being consulted. Many of them have given their comments which are generally positive. The process of consultation is continuing.

(f) Amendment of Act is a long term process. This process has been initiated. No timeframe can be laid for the new law.